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AMENDMENT B UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed December 18,

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Please amend the Application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 17 and 31 to read as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) A laser cavity comprising:

a substrate made of a doped or undoped active laser material Y₃A1₅O₁₂ (YAG) on which a monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material made of doped YAG is deposited directly by liquid phase epitaxy, in which said active laser material has a [100] orientation, and said monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material is deposited with the same [100] orientation;

an entry mirror deposited directly on the active laser material substrate; and an exit mirror deposited on the monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material;

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